

Maw, A.R., Parker, A.J., Lance, G.N., and Dilkes, M.G., "The Effect of Parental Smoking on Outcome After Treatment for Glue Ear in Children," Clin Otolaryngol 17: 411-414, 1992.

In this study, a sample of 201 children between the ages of 2-9 years with bilateral chronic otitis media with effusion were treated prospectively and at random by adenoidectomy, adenotonsillectomy, or with neither procedure. The parents of the children completed a questionnaire concerning their own smoking habits. The authors sought to examine the potential impact of parental smoking on the outcome of the treatment. The authors reported that "clearance of glue was statistically less frequent where the child's mother or where both parents smoked." The authors concluded that "the findings lend further support to professional and governmental opinions of a deleterious effect of passive smoke exposure on children and in this case parental smoking has been shown to have an adverse effect on the outcome of OME following surgical treatment."

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